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Claim 21 is allowable. However, due to a potential interference, *ex parte* prosecution is SUSPENDED FOR A PERIOD OF SIX (6) MONTHS from the date of this letter. Upon expiration of the period of suspension, applicant should make an inquiry as to the status of the application.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Paul Prebilic whose telephone number is (703) 308-2905. The examiner normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 6:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

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